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SUBJECT: VISAS: VISA CLASSIFICATION OF ISRAELI
SECURITY GUARDS

1. DEPT RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM ISRAELI EMBASSY
WASHINGTON REQUESTING VISAS FOR ISRAELI SECURITY GUARDS
TO BE STATIONED AT JFK AIRPORT DENOTING THEIR OFFICIAL
GOVERNMENT STATUS. THE ISRAELI NOTE INDICATED THAT
PERSONNEL ASSIGNED ARE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE TO
PERFORM PRE-DEPARTURE SECURITY CHECKS AND OTHER RELATED
DUTIES.

2. THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY GOVERNMENT HAD EARLIER
REQUESTED SIMILAR TREATMENT FOR ITS EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO
US FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. FRG PERSONNEL HAD FORMERLY BEEN
ISSUED B-1 VISAS AS LUFTHANSA EMPLOYEES. THE DEPT DECIDED
TO ACCORD BOTH FRG AND ISRAELI PERSONNEL SO EMPLOYED
STATUS AS FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS UNDER SECTION 101(A)
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ISRAELI EMBASSY STATED IN PART, QUOTE, THE DEPT IS PREPARED TO AGREE TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF SUCH PERSONNEL TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THIS PURPOSE, PROVIDED THAT THE EMBASSY CAN ASSURE THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL WILL

AGREE TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF US GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL IN ISRAEL FOR SIMILAR PURPOSES SHOULD THE US GOVERNMENT IN THE FUTURE CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE TO DO SO... THE DEPT ENVISIONS THAT ANY US GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL WHO MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE ASSIGNED TO ISRAEL FOR SIMILAR PURPOSES WOULD BE ACCORDED AN EQUIVALENT STATUS UNDER APPLICABLE ISRAELI STATUTES AND REGULATIONS. UNQUOTE.

3. DEPT. HAS NOW RECEIVED ISRAELI EMBASSY'S REPLY INDICATING GOV'T OF ISRAEL'S ACCEPTANCE OF DEPT'S QUID PRO QUO. EMBASSY THEREFORE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A-2 VISAS TO ISRAELI SECURITY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO EL AL ISRAEL NATIONAL AIRLINES AT JFK AIRPORT. KISSINGER

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